

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
July 7, 2022

HYBRID MEETING

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: First Selectman James L. Brinton, Selectmen Jay Hubelbank and Dean Sarjeant.
Public: Bob Papsin, Michelle Gorra, Joan Lodsins, Susan Smith.

Call to Order: First Selectman Jim Brinton called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the June 23, 2022 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

MOTION: To add subsequent business not on the Agenda. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant.
Discussion: Funding by the Town of a Day Care Center. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve and refer to the Board of Finance an expenditure of \$100,000 for a Day Care Center. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. **Discussion:** Although not a requirement, the application for a STEAP Grant will have more validity if the Town is funding the program by 20%. If approved by the Board of Finance the expenditure will then go to a Town Meeting for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

- **Appointment of Peter Tagley to the ARPA Committee:** Tabled.
- **Resignation of Lindsay Larson from the Housing Commission:** Lindsay has moved out of Town. Her resignation from the Commission is accepted with thanks for her service.

First Selectman's Report:

- **Fuel prices** have begun to lower. The Fuel Consortium will have more discussion in the near future prior to locking into prices.
- **Veteran's Awards Ceremony** will be held on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 5:00p.m. at Bryan Memorial Town Hall to recognize Veterans from Washington who served during the Korean and Viet Nam Wars. Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz will be in attendance.
- **Sidewalk plow:** \$50,000 was approved in this year's budget for a sidewalk plow. The actual cost will be \$24,500 allowing the difference to be returned to the General Fund.
- **Transfer Station Upgrades** may also be under what was budgeted.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Discussion of EV Charging Stations:** The current EV Charger in the Depot was gifted to the Town by the Washington Garden Club. A new charger has been purchased which will allow the older one to be placed at the Highway Department. Jay Hubelbank reported he will be meeting with two companies that work with Eversource regarding grants/funding for new chargers. The hope being more chargers can be obtained for more locations in Town i.e. New Preston area.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Discussion of conveying a parcel of land on River Road to ROMAC:** Jim Brinton explained that the parcel in question is contiguous to the two already conveyed to ROMAC. They are part of the old railroad bed and of new use to or by the Town. A decision to move forward was tabled until more discussion can take place.

Visitors:

- **Michelle Gorra** voiced her opinion that the placement of additional EV chargers in Town would be supported by Economic Development and Sustainability.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:45p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Assistant